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EVALUATION OF SOURCE

- 25X1X 1. The Partido de la Izquierda Revolucionaria goes back in origin to about 1923. At that time its leaders, Jose Antonio Arze, Ricardo Anaya, and others, including the Communist Aguirre Acha (now dead), were a part of the directing group of the Confederacion Revolucionaria Obrera Popular (CROP), which included the Communists of Chile, Peru, and Bolivia. The center of this latter organization was in Santiago, Chile, and its program and principles were distinctly of a Communist character.
2. After several years, for reasons unknown, the Communists of Bolivia came to be controlled from Montevideo, and from that city came the order to form a new party which would not be identified with Communism. As a result the Frente Izquierdista Boliviano (FIB) was created, with Arze and Anaya still at the helm.
3. Later, because of divergencies appearing in the FIB, at the time that Penaranda was in control of the Government of Bolivia, there was held in Oruro a leftist convention (attacked by the Falangists) from which was created the FIR. The same leading elements controlled the new organization. Its program was likewise of a Communist character, and even included anti-nationalism; but later, without benefit of a conference or congress to legally modify the program, a second edition of its program was issued which had lost the Communist tinge. This metamorphosis coincided with news from foreign countries that the Comintern had ordered the Communist parties to assume the character of nationalist or socialist parties.
4. The present program of the FIR is as follows. It includes nationalistic principles, and its political propaganda is based on the concept of "Patria". Some members of the FIR who are definitely Communists, when asked about this aspect, have said without the slightest hesitation that it is meant "to deceive the people". As a result, they have obtained the following of many true patriots, such as Gutierrez Vea Murguia, who entered the party innocently, believing it to be Bolivian. To expose this fraud it is sufficient to note that the popular

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demonstrations held by the PIR carry at their head the Red Flag of Russia and the portrait of Stalin. Another interesting detail is that the present Minister of Labor, who has actively worked as a Communist, has baptized his children with the names "Ruso" and "Vladimiro".

5. In all of this there is one truth which must be emphasized: if it should be possible to prove in any manner that the principal leaders of the PIR obey the dictates of Moscow, 80% of the adherents of the Party would withdraw, among them Gutierrez, who has so stated to his friends.
6. For the present, it seems inconvenient to attack the PIR. It forms a solid guarantee for the stability of the present Government, since, as an organized and armed party in La Paz, it can defend the constitutional order in the streets. To open an energetic campaign against it, making use of violence, would be to give it greater prestige, and to favor its spread. It is necessary to combat it tactfully, taking advantage of its errors and putting it to ridicule. This is more a question of cleverness, particularly in propaganda.

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